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CALIFORNIA'S PRINCIPAL ENERGY AGENCIES JOIN TO CREATE ENERGY ACTION PLAN

The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the Consumer Power and Conservation Financing Authority (CPA), and the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) have issued a draft Energy Action Plan for California. A subcommittee of the three agencies has proposed the plan, which establishes shared goals and specific actions to ensure that adequate, reliable, and reasonably priced electrical power and natural gas supplies are achieved and provided through policies, strategies, and actions that are cost-effective and environmentally sound for California's consumers and taxpayers. This marks the first time California's principal energy agencies have come together to formulate a comprehensive plan for the state's energy needs.

The draft Energy Action Plan proposes five sets of actions of critical importance that require immediate action. These are:

1. Optimize energy conservation and resource efficiency
2. Ensure reliable, affordable electricity generation
3. Upgrade and expand the electricity transmission infrastructure
4. Promote customer and utility owned distributed generation
5. Ensure reliable supply of reasonably priced natural gas

A public meeting of the three agencies was held in Sacramento on March 11, 2003, to discuss the draft Energy Action Plan and to receive public comments. A transcript of the meeting is on the PUC's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov, as is the complete six-page draft Energy Action Plan.

Comments on the draft Energy Action Plan can be submitted via email to: energy_action@cpuc.ca.gov. Comments can be viewed at: <https://webserver.cpuc.ca.gov/exchange/root.asp?acs=anon>.

The draft Energy Action Plan is being transmitted to the Legislature for consultation, and it will come before the PUC, CPA, and CEC for a vote on ratification within the next two months.

The PUC regulates privately owned electric, telecommunications, natural gas, water, and transportation companies, in addition to household goods movers and rail safety.

The Power Authority is a financing agency established to ensure adequate electricity reserve levels in order to help keep rates stable and power flow reliable.

The CEC is the state's primary energy policy and planning agency and has five major responsibilities: Forecasting future energy needs and keeping historical energy data; Licensing thermal power plants 50 megawatts or larger; Promoting energy efficiency through appliance and building standards; Developing energy technologies and supporting renewable energy; and Planning for and directing state response to energy emergency.

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